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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: TRACTOR FACTORY

REF: STATE 111128

1. RE FORD COMPANY INTEREST IN TRACTOR MANUFACTURING PROJECTS IN TURKEY, TURKISH AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT AGENCY (TZDK) HAS IN FACT RECENTLY SIGNED LICENSE AGREEMENTS WITH JAPANESE KUBOTA COMPANY AND AUSTRIAN STEIR COMPANY. KUBOTA AGREEMENT IS FOR MANUFACTURE OF GARDEN TYPE TRACTORS AND STEIR AGREEMENT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND IS NOW AWAITING MINISTRY OF FINANCE APPROVAL. STEIR AGREEMENT IS STILL BEING STUDIED BY MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY.

2. TURKISH ENGINE MANUFACTURING CORPORATION (TUMOSAN) ALSO RECENTLY SIGNED A LICENCE-SUPPLY-ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH ITALIAN FIAT COMPANY FOR TRACTOR MANUFACTURING. THIS ACCORD IS STILL AWAITING MINISTRY OF FINANCE APPROVAL.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THESE AGREEMENTS FILL TURKEY'S TRACTOR PRODUCTION NEEDS FOR TIME BEING, AND WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ADDITIONAL PROJECTS. IT SHOULD ALSO BE KEPT IN MIND THAT NEW GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN FORMED FOLLOWING JUNE 5 ELECTIONS. ABOVE PROJECTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND REVISION DEPENDING ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICIES OF INCOMING GOVERNMENT.

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